IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF SHELTON

IN THE MATTER OF)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Court Response to Health Threat)	NO. 4-2020
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THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Given the significant number of identified and projected cases of the disease in Washington, the severity of the risk posed to the public, the recommendations of the Health District, and the authority granted by Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-607 (March 20, 2020), additional immediate action by the Courts is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

ORDERED that ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-2020 is hereby extended through 04/24/2020 as to Court closure, 1-2020 and 2-2020 remain in effect as to parts not in conflict with this rule. This closure is subject to change.

The Court will only be conducting video in custody hearings and review of exparte requests from parties that are emergent and/or agreed, or involve potential release of an in custody defendant. Prosecutor and Defense counsel must initiate requests for a video hearings beyond arraignment.

For all hearings held while the Court is physically closed to the public, in the harmonizing of the Washington State Constitution, recordings of any such hearing shall be available at no charge if requested to maintain public scrutiny.

The Court office will only be available by phone, mail, and email, no defendant/respondent will be deemed late on payments or absent from community service during this time period.

Arraignments filed on out of custody matters shall be set 45 days past filing for arraignment, said date shall be the commencement date. Civil matters shall be set after April 24, 2020. All matters already scheduled prior to April 24, 2020 shall be reset past April 24, 2020. No warrants shall issue for not appearing in Court through April 24, 2020.

April 2, 2020

Stephen D. Greer Municipal Court Judge City of Shelton